

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 8-24 and 26-38 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Claims 8-17, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32 and 33 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 25 has been amended to depend on claim 10 and new claim 68 has been added which is similar to claim 25 but depends on claim 13. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 8-38 and 68 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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